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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 13, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect cancellation of claims 1, 5-7, 9, and 13-22; amendment of previously pending claims 8 and 10-12; and addition of new claims 23-30. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

8. (Twice Amended) A method of [correcting for] determining the concentration of [a blood substitute interferent] one or more than one analyte contained in a specimen [having at least one analyte, using a spectrophotometer,] comprising a blood substitute interferent, said method comprising the steps of:

- i) generating a calibration algorithm for said blood substitute interferent;
- ii) [generating an algorithm for said analyte which provides] deriving one or more than one linear equation defining a relationship between a measured [analyte] concentration of said [at least] one or more than one analyte and [an amount] a concentration of said blood substitute interferent [present in said specimen] using